



Xth British Commonwealth Games 1974

Benefit Match

Lancaster Park
Sunday, April 9th

Souvenir Programme 20c



From the President . . .

Since the day it was announced that the Tenth Commonwealth Games had been allotted to New Zealand and that Christchurch was to be the venue in 1974, the Management Committee of the Canterbury Rugby Football Union have intimated their willingness to assist in any way possible the efforts of the Organising Committee in the raising of funds to ensure the success of this mammoth undertaking.

At the request of Mr H.C. Blazey, Chairman of the Sports Committee of the Games and incidentally, a Life Member and Past President of the Canterbury Union, the New Zealand Rugby Union suggested that the three major Unions, Wellington, Auckland and Canterbury, should stage a Benefit Match in their respective centres and generously offered to assist with the financial arrangements in bringing to the country six players of International fame to add lustre to the occasion.

We express our thanks to the National Body for their generosity which is in line with their policy of readiness to support, at all times, the promotion of Amateur Sport.

We also express our thanks to the executive of the Cantabrians Club for their ready cooperation and assistance with the promotion of this match and we compliment them on their choice of players, all of whom should provide worthy opposition to our own representative fifteen.

Notwithstanding the fact that this is the first match of the 1972 season, I am confident that the calibre of players on both sides in today's game will ensure that Rugby lovers will be treated to a spectacle which will arouse their enthusiasm and give some indication of the promise the new season of our National game has to offer.



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Of the amateur sports in New Zealand, none has quite the same capacity as Rugby to draw the substantial paying crowds, whether in Christchurch, Wellington or Auckland.

The three matches give Rugby followers the unique double opportunity: to enjoy their own sport, and to assist the Games project.

In this way, Rugby, which is unlikely ever to become a participant sport of the Commonwealth Games, is helping nine that are: Badminton, Bowls, Boxing, Cycling, Shooting, Swimming, Track and Field, Weightlifting and Wrestling.

It is therefore on behalf of these nine sports, in addition to the Organising Committee, that I express grateful thanks to Rugby.

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					Countries	Personnel
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1934	London, England	-	-	-	16	600
1938	Sydney, Australia	-	-	-	15	507
1950	Auckland, New Zealand	-	-	-	12	663
1954	Vancouver, Canada	-	-	-	24	789
1958	Cardiff, Wales	-	-	-	35	1,358
1962	Perth, Western Australia	-	-	-	35	1,041
1966	Kingston, Jamaica	-	-	-	34	1,316
1970	Edinburgh, Scotland	-	-	-	42	1,744

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE 1974 COMMONWEALTH GAMES:

1. SPORTS

Athletics, Badminton, Bowls, Boxing, Cycling, Shooting, Swimming and Diving, Weightlifting and Wrestling.

2. FACILITIES:

(a) Already Constructed:

Cowles Stadium (Badminton)
Canterbury Court (Boxing).

(b) Existing Facilities which will be modified or improved:

Denton Park (Cycling).
Woolston Working Mens' Club (Bowls).
Shooting Ranges at West Melton, Yaldhurst and Harewood.

(c) New Facilities:

Commonwealth Pool (Swimming and Diving).
Merry Estate Stadium (Track and Field—Athletics).
New Town Hall (Weightlifting and Wrestling).

3. New Zealand was awarded the 1974 Commonwealth Games after winning a ballot with Australia by 36 votes to 2. In Jamaica in 1966 New Zealand applied for the 1970 Games and lost by 11 votes to 14 votes.

4. BENEFITS:

These will be various and substantial. We will have the legacy of many new or improved facilities. There will be a great stimulus to sports and in particular to the nine participating sports. New Zealand will be the focus of the Commonwealth on a scale never previously possible.

5. 1974 Commonwealth Games. These are a national activity and have been described as the largest community project ever attempted in New Zealand.

There are 45 countries entitled to send competitors, Edinburgh has the record with 42 countries attending. It is thought that New Zealand will be host to 35 countries with about 1,600 competitors and officials attending.

When RUGBY came to CORNWALL

Something rather special happened the other week in the remote little corner of England where I live — there was a rugby match.

Even in England, where football is soccer and rugby is something they play at the public schools, this is not all that unusual. Rugby matches take place every Saturday and have a dedicated following, particularly here in Cornwall which does not have the population to support a top-class, or even second-class, soccer club. The Right-wing newspapers have a quite extensive rugby coverage, and even the "Daily Mirror" sometimes has a brief report on an international match.

Rugby matches happen.

The other week was, however, very special indeed.

Tiny Penryn, population all of 5000, had incredibly managed to reach the quarter-finals of the newly-instituted all-England knockout championship. The senior of the Penryn Rugby Club's two teams had gone on a giant-killing spree, and was right up there with London Welsh and the other top clubs, fighting for glory and looking quite likely to achieve it.

It was almost like Buller winning the Ranfurly Shield. The team included several schoolboys and a couple of 40-year-olds who could not retire because there was no one else in the town to fill their positions.

REMOTE

Cornwall, geographically remote from the rest of England, derives most of its income from summer tourism, and in winter is impoverished, sparsely populated and sodden. Unemployment runs high, and anyone who wants to achieve anything usually has to go elsewhere to achieve it. The world may flock to Cornwall's beaches from Easter

by **CECILY FISHER**
(an expatriate New
Zealander)

onwards, but in winter nobody wants to know.

But on this Saturday everyone knew. Coventry's rugby team, containing four British Lions and studied with England internationals, was coming to play Penryn on its own ground. The day of glory had arrived.

It dawned, like most Cornish mornings between October and April, rather damply. The field was water-logged, and to me, standing on the terraces, it brought back fond memories of Lancaster Park and the first test against the Welsh in 1969 — the last rugby match I had seen. The rain poured down and the crowd poured in, overflowing the tiny ground with its capacity of 5000.

Weather conditions may have been similar, but the crowd was subtly different from a New Zealand rugby crowd. All the men, very sensibly, carried umbrellas, and shooting sticks were much in evidence. There were not many women about, and I seemed to be the only one who was there willingly.

The framers were familiar, however. Felt hats pulled down over their ears, oilskins, reddened noses and gumboots (though they probably called them wellies) made me wonder if farming is perhaps the great international leveller. This lot, would have looked equally at home in any mudpatch anywhere in the world.

The Lanner Silver Band gamely played Celtic airs in the rain, and the ancient town of Penryn lost a little of its granite grimness as the

shops closed and the entire population made its way along the main street past the numerous Methodist chapels.

BEAMING

At the ground the rugby club officials were beaming. Extra tickets had had to be printed and, whatever the outcome, the takings from this match were going to set them up financially for some time to come.

The television cameras were there, somewhat cramped for space in the small grandstand, but ready to focus firmly on the 15 players who had had little opportunity for the sort of publicity that leads to international selection.

Penryn boasted two England trialists, and that was it. There was not generally much call for international rugby selectors to visit Cornwall on business, and those two trialists had fought for their places.

The Lanner Silver Band played "Cwm Rhondda", and the two teams ran out on to the field.

Coventry, with the nonchalance of those who have played in many important matches, was rather scruffy in faded navy and dim white, but Penryn had risen to the occasion in brand new outfits, sparkling white shorts and shirts with a red V.

"Oggy oggy oggy", shouted the crowd.

A "tidy oggy" is a Cornish pasty, me handsome. Ooh ar.

Though no one speaks Cornish any more, the Cornish have a small but enthusiastic nationalist movement and almost the language to go with it. An "oggy" can be a Cornishman, a general rallying cry, or almost anything pertaining to the south-west corner of England. People born on the wrong side of the Tamar River are equally foreigners, whether they come from

Christchurch, Hampshire or Christchurch, New Zealand.

Anyway, back to the oggymen and the game they were playing.

BOOS

Things looked good throughout the first half, probably because of the enormous support the home team was given from the crowd. As the ground rapidly disintegrated and the proud new outfits of Penryn became mud-caked and indistinguishable from their opponents, Coventry had to fight hard to score seven points — a try and a penalty that were loudly and unsportingly booed.

A few Coventry supporters had arrived with the players in a bus labelled "Lady Godiva Strikes Again" (unfortunately not illustrated), but their voices were lost.

Penryn hopes ran high at half-time. The players stood steaming in clusters on the field, and under the umbrellas. The tone of the crowd was optimistic.

"Proper job" said one old man.

"They've got the mud behind them in this half, the dears. They'll do it".

But the old dears couldn't do it. They fought gallantly, but simply could not match the skill of such players as Lion David Duckham,



DAVID DUCKHAM

who ran the full length of the ground to score a magnificent try.

This was the only Coventry move that the crowd applauded. Duckham was given a standing ovation as he walked back, and one incredibly disloyal person, certainly a foreigner, shouted out: "That's what we came here to see".

Then it was back to mud-slinging, literally, at the referee and urging on the tired local heroes who were slipping further and further back as they became discouraged.

Penryn scored one try, but missed the conversion and numerous penalty kicks.

It was all over the tune of 28-4.

Out in the street again it was business as usual in Penryn. The rain pelted down relentlessly and a couple of extra chapels seemed to have sprung up. There was nowhere to get a cup of coffee, and the newspaper posters on the lamp-posts forecast lengthening dole queues.

The glory was over.

"Proper job, me ould dears", said the old man sadly to his friends.

That's the way the oggy crumbles . . .

One of the earliest to reply to the invitations to attend the recent journalists' Games seminar was Southlander Ken Nicholson, who is playing a major role in raising funds for the 1974 Games.

Ken, a noted Southland fast bowler, was author of the material in the fast selling "History of the Commonwealth Games". This booklet with its "Highlights of the Games" record — compiled by N.Z.B.C. staff member John Howson — was ordered in a batch of 50,000 and three days after launching by noted Australian runner, Ron Clarke, firm orders for all but 3,000 copies had been received.

Bavarian Munich style beer



PROGRAMME OF 1974 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The tentative daily programme at this stage is:

January 24: Afternoon, opening ceremony.

January 25: Morning, bowls, trapshooting at Yaldhurst; afternoon, track and field, badminton, bowls, trapshooting, swimming and diving, weightlifting; evening, badminton and weightlifting.



January 26: Morning, track and field, bowls, trapshooting, smallbore at Harewood; afternoon, track and field, badminton, bowls, trapshooting, swimming and diving, weightlifting; evening, badminton, boxing, cycling, swimming and diving, weightlifting.

January 27: Morning, bowls; afternoon, bowls, cycling, swimming and diving; evening, cycling and swimming and diving.

January 28: Morning, bowls, smallbore shooting; afternoon, badminton, bowls, boxing, cycling, 7.62 shooting West Melton, smallbore, swimming and diving; evening, badminton, boxing, cycling, swimming and diving, wrestling.

January 29: Morning, track and field, bowls, smallbore; afternoon, track and field, badminton, bowls, boxing, 7.62 shooting, swimming and diving; evening, badminton, boxing, cycling, swimming and diving, weightlifting, wrestling.

January 30: Morning, track and field, bowls, wrestling; afternoon, track and field, bowls, boxing, 7.62 shooting, swimming and diving; evening, badminton, boxing, cycling, weightlifting, wrestling.

January 31: Morning, track and field, bowls, trapshooting; afternoon, track and field, bowls, trap-

shooting, swimming and diving; evening, cycling, weightlifting.

February 1: Morning, bowls, trapshooting; afternoon, track and field, bowls, trapshooting; evening, boxing, swimming and diving.

February 2: Morning, cycling and athletics; afternoon, athletics and closing ceremony.

Venues for sports are: athletics and swimming, Queen Elizabeth II Park; badminton, Cowles Stadium; bowls, Woolston Working Men's Club; boxing, Canterbury Court; cycling, Denton Park; 7.62 shooting, West Melton; trapshooting, Yaldhurst; smallbore, Harewood; weightlifting and wrestling, Town Hall; opening and closing ceremonies, Queen Elizabeth II Park.

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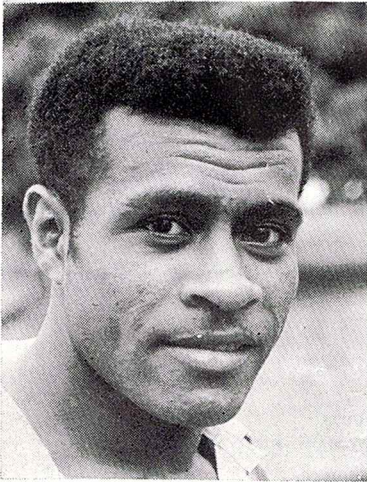
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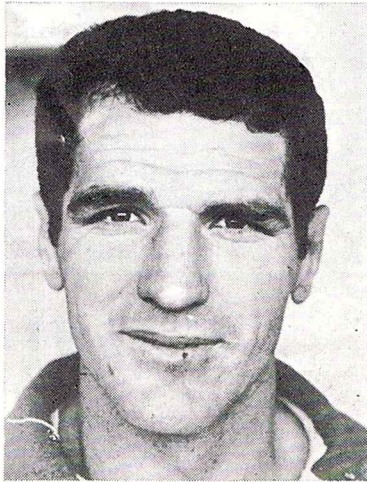
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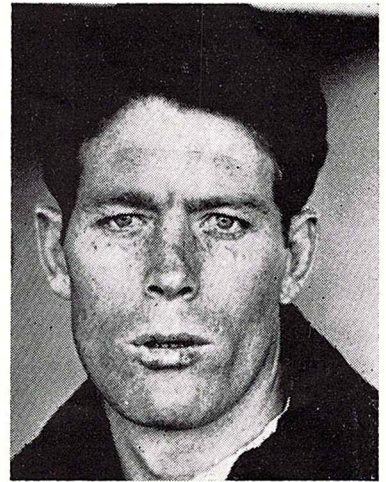
The Cantabrians Rugby Football Club



PIO BOSCO TIKOISUVA — Fiji. A flying winger who last season was the sensation of many games in Suva.



PIET GREYLING — South Africa. Springbok flanker who made life a misery for the All Black backs in 1970.



JAN ELLIS — South Africa. Has played in all of last eight tests between South Africa and New Zealand.

(*"Star" photo.*)

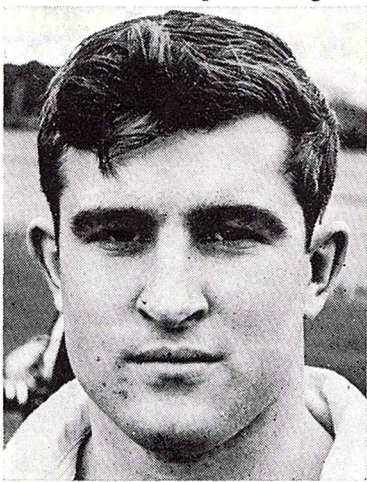
To many spectators of today's game who may not be fully conversant with the situation, the question, "Just who are these Cantabrians?" has probably suggested itself and may well remain unanswered. We trust the following will throw some light on the subject for you.

This is a Club formed in 1956 which has as its main objective the fostering of Rugby by men who, in a practical manner, wish to retain their interest in and return to the game, from which they derived so much pleasure in their playing days, the benefit of their collective experience to the young men of today who are endeavouring to achieve success at it and to bear the torch tradition has entrusted to their care.

Full membership of the Club requires that are should have played not less than 40 1st class games of Rugby whilst resident in Canterbury. In addition to this, however, they have an honorary list of members comprising men who have a depth of Rugby background but are unable to fulfill the foregoing qualification.

Inclusion in a Cantabrians side is strictly by invitation and a perusal of the names of those representing the Club in today's fixture,

apart from the four famous International stars who form the nucleus of the side, will indicate the desire of the Club to encourage players whose efforts merit this and from whom more may be seen and heard in the future. Numbered amongst these are, M.R. McEwen of the Christchurch club who made one appearance for Canterbury two seasons ago, and Evan Taylor, the Otago second string full-back who made such an impression against



JOHN HIPWELL — Australia. No. 1 halfback for the Wallabies.

the British Lions last season. Others are, John Dougan, Wellington; Ken Stewart, Southland; F. Oliver of the same Province and J. Joseph, Marlborough. The return of J.N. Creighton to Lancaster Park after an absence of some three years will be of interest to local fans, whilst All Blacks, Sam Strahan and Keith Murdoch need no introduction.

Office holders of the Cantabrians Club for the ensuing year are: Patron: Mr C.R. McCallum; President: Mr P.V. Kearney; Club Captain: Mr J.N. Creighton; Hon. Secretary: Mr J.B. Sawers; Management Committee: Messrs R.M. Smith, I.H. Penrose, M.F. Whitta and K.J. Tanner.

We commend the Club for the excellent work they are doing for Rugby and wish them well in all their future endeavours.

Editor's Note — Since going to print several changes have had to be made to the invitation fifteen as originally chosen.

Australia, England, Canada, and New Zealand are expected to have the strongest representations at the 1974 Commonwealth Games in Christchurch, all of their competitive teams reaching three figure strength.

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13 B.G. WILLIAMS (Auckland)

12 M. McEWAN (Canterbury)

FIVE-EIGHTHS:

11 J.E. DOUGAN (Well.) or P.C. GARD (N/Otago)

10 R. FAIRFAX (Australia) or J.E. DOUGAN (Well.)

HALF-BACK:

9 J.N.B. HIPWELL (Australia)

FORWARDS:

8 K.W. STEWART (Southland)

6 J. ELLIS (South Africa, capt.) 7 P. GREYLING (South Africa)

4 J.A. CALLESEN (Manawatu) 5 F.J. OLIVER (Southland)

1 K. MURDOCH (Otago) 3 J.N. JOSEPH (Marlborough)

2 J.N. CREIGHTON (Canterbury)

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10 O.D. BRUCE

HALF-BACK:

9 L.J. DAVIS (v/capt.)

FORWARDS:

8 W. UNDERHAY

6 A.J. WYLLIE

7 S.E. CRON

4 H. MACDONALD

5 J. BURNS

1 A.E. HOPKINSON (capt.)

3 K. TANNER

2 R.T. NORTON

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- 7 K. Ashby
- 8 G. Cooper
- 9 G. Barr
- 10 S. Mackley

Reserves:

- 11 G. Thyne
- 12 P. Cone

SHIRLEY

(UNDER 5st 7lb)

Blue Jersey, White Shorts

- 1 M. Barrington
- 2 B. Campbell
- 3 A. Browne
- 4 P. Cuff
- 5 G. Carr
- 6 W. MacDonald
- 7 N. Stiles
- 8 W. Simpson
- 9 M. Forbes
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B.C. COCHRANE (wing), aged 21, 5ft 10½ins, 12st 4lbs. Christchurch. Canterbury Colts 1970. Canterbury 'A' 1970. Canterbury 'A' and 'B' 1971.

M. COLLINS (wing), aged 24. Junior All Black and New Zealand University player. All Black trialist in 1970.

W.D. COTTRELL (five-eighth); aged 27, 12st 12lb, 5ft 11in. Toured Britain in 1967, Australia 1968, but at home has been in the shadow of MacRae. A fine footballer in every sense, strong defensively and sharp in attack. He has ability too, at first five-eighth. Tests against Australia (two), France (two). All Black 1970, 1971.

STEWART CRON (No. 8 or flanker), born July 7, 1946; 5ft 11½in, 14st 4lb; Kaikoura. Represented Canterbury B 1967-68, and Canterbury A 1969-70. Played in 1969 Junior All Black trials and 1970 All Black trials.

LYN DAVIS (half-back), born December 22, 1944; 5ft 8in, 11st 3lb; Suburbs. Represented Canterbury under-20 colts, and has been a regular player for Canterbury since 1964. Junior All Black captain in 1965 and 1966. A regular New Zealand trialist from 1965, when he represented the South Island. Has been an All Black reserve twelve times.

BRENT ELDER (half-back), born July 6, 1945; 5ft 7in, 11st 2lb; Linwood. Represented Wairarapa in 1965-66-67-68. A former New Zealand Junior, he has

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played in All Black trials from 1966 to 1968. Has made the Canterbury A squad as second string to Lyn Davis.

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D. HALE (threequarter), Lincoln College, aged 23, 5ft 10in, 13st. His outstanding form for College in club rugby in 1970 has earned him promotion from Canterbury B squad for whom he played in 1970. He formerly represented Hawke's Bay B. Intelligent mid-field back with a quick eye for a gap and ability to run his outsides into scoring position. Shows distinct promise.

R.J. LOCKWOOD (Lincoln College), lock; 23, 15st, 2 caps. Like Macdonald, a North Island product who does well in the line-outs; developing into a good all-round forward.



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HAMISH MACDONALD (lock), aged 24; 6ft 3½in, 15st 12lb; Oxford. Came from Poverty Bay with Ian Kirkpatrick in 1967. Represented Canterbury Sub-Unions and went into Canterbury A team in 1969. Has developed tremendously and was Canterbury's senior lock while Jake Burns was away with the All Blacks.

W.F. McCORMICK (full-back); aged 32; 12st 10lb, 5ft 8in. Represented Canterbury since 1959 and made test debut against South Africa at Auckland in 1964. Shock choice ahead of Mick Williment as the full-back on 1967 tour of Britain and France. Deadly tackler and powerful runner on attack. Kicked a world test record 24 points in 1969. All Black 1970, 1971.

ALAN McLELLAN (prop), born September 17, 1946; 6ft, 14st 9lb; Lincoln College. Auckland secondary schoolboy representative in 1963-64. Canterbury under-19 in 1965, Canterbury 1966-67, and Canterbury A 1968-69-70. Has also played for New Zealand Universities since 1968. Played in the 1969 Junior All Black trials and 1970 South Island trial.

R.W. NORTON (Linwood), hooker; 28, 14st; 6 caps. A swift striker in the scrums and a fast forward about the field. All Black 1971.

IAN PENROSE (No. 8), captain, born December 13, 1940; 6ft 1½in, 14st 10lb; New Brighton. A former Canterbury under-18 and under-20 representative, he represented Canterbury A and B in 1962, and has been a regular member of the provincial A team with the exception of 1965, when he played only one game before being relegated to the B side. South Island All Black trialist last year.

KERRY TANNER (prop), born April 25, 1946; 6ft 1in, 15st 6lb; New Brighton. Represented Auckland Colts 1964-65, and Canterbury A since 1966. Has also been a Junior All Black.

ROBIN WOOLHOUSE (left wing), born August 8, 1944; 5ft 10½in, 13st 4lb; Linwood. Played for West Coast 1964-65, Canterbury B 1967, New Zealand Police 1966 and 1967, Combined Services in 1967 and Canterbury A 1967-68-69-70. Also a South Island All Black trialist in 1970.



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W. UNDERHAY (flanker), aged 21; 13st 8lb. Two years senior rugby for Sydenham. Second senior game scored two tries after being promoted from clubs under-19 team. Attacking loose forward who likes to run with the ball.

A.J. WYLLIE (flanker), aged 26; 15st 6lb, 6ft 1in. Equally good operating from the side or back row. Strong runner on attack. Tough, durable country-bred player, very hard to stop on the drive. Starred in South's shock win over North in inter-island match 1969. All Black 1970, 1971.

ROAD COURSE

Cyclists face a tough test in the road cycling race, especially on the hill where they climb 417 ft in nine-tenths of a mile and then drop the same distance in another nine-tenths of a mile.

Seventeen times they will cover the 6.7 mile course which apart from the hill section follows the winding course of the Heathcote River affording some good vantage points for spectators to watch out-and-back sections of the race.

The actual amount of hill climb in the races totals about the same as Edinburgh although the course is longer than both those at Edinburgh and Perth. There is only one corner which cuts down the pace, the turning point farthest out on the flat.

The hill section covers the Hackthorne and Dyers Pass Road sections, Hackthorne Road providing the steep uphill climb, just after the start.

Denton Park, the scene of the track cycling faces some considerable remodelling for the Games, the Paparua County Council in a very generous move spending some thousands of dollars on the project.

The banking at the end of the short straights will be graded to 30 degrees and the track will be some 400 metres long, compared with 250 metres at Edinburgh and 600 yards at Jamaica.

The track is similar to that used at the Cardiff Games and should prove a fast one for Games Cyclists, yet allow club cyclists to perform well when the stadium eventually becomes the headquarters of track cycling in Canterbury.

A stand is to be erected on the track before the Games and work on remodelling will probably start in April or May.

STAGGERED HOLIDAYS

In order to allow the maximum number of people to attend the Games, the Organising Committee is hoping to have employers consider staggered annual leave for the late 1973, early 1974 period.

By bringing in a system such as this instead of the annual Christmas Holiday shutdown, the Organising Committee feels that more people

could arrange their holidays so that they can come to Christchurch for the Games.

An early consideration of this move is essential for under many awards the 1974 statutory holidays for employees have to be fixed as early as March of 1973.

As well the committee may request from the Education Department a later start for the school year in 1974, so that families attending the Games, which end on February 2, can get back to their homes in time for the children to attend the opening of school.

Preliminary inquiries have also been made as to the extending of the 10 o'clock licensing laws so that visitors to Christchurch can be catered for after Games' events finish.

This would avoid the problem encountered in Edinburgh where there were few facilities for entertainment open after the Games' events ended and people just roamed the streets with nothing to do.

ORDERS

Equipment for the 1974 Commonwealth Games in Christchurch has already started arriving.

Orders worth more than \$20,000 have been placed and from these recently 18 discus and two sets of starting blocks arrived in Christchurch to be the first of the equipment to be landed in New Zealand.

The two sports already deeply involved in ordering equipment are shooting and athletics with the athletic orders placed in Germany and the United States being worth \$12,000.

These are mainly for field events equipment including \$4000 for jumping pits of a specially covered air-flow foam type from the United States.

Not all of the ordering will be done overseas for items such as judges' stands, discus and hammer cages, timing stands and steeplechase hurdles will be built in New Zealand, this work being worth some \$6000.

Purchases in England to the value of \$4000 for scoreboards, anemometers, and presentation equipment will make up the final overseas order and then the athletics control committee is faced with arranging incidentals for which it has budget-

ed \$3000 to be spent in New Zealand.

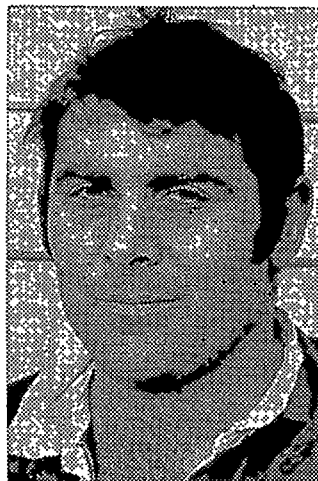
Shooting has decided to use automatic target changers from Germany for the 50 metre pistol and rifle events and this has eliminated not only the need for target marking pits but also an estimated 135 workers and supervising officials. The order is worth \$7000 and is expected to bring the equipment here in time for the national championships at the Harewood range next Easter.

The shooting committee is also bringing timing units from Australia to copy for use in the rapid fire events. As well it will be buying from Australia two electric traps at a cost of \$1200 each for trapshooting.

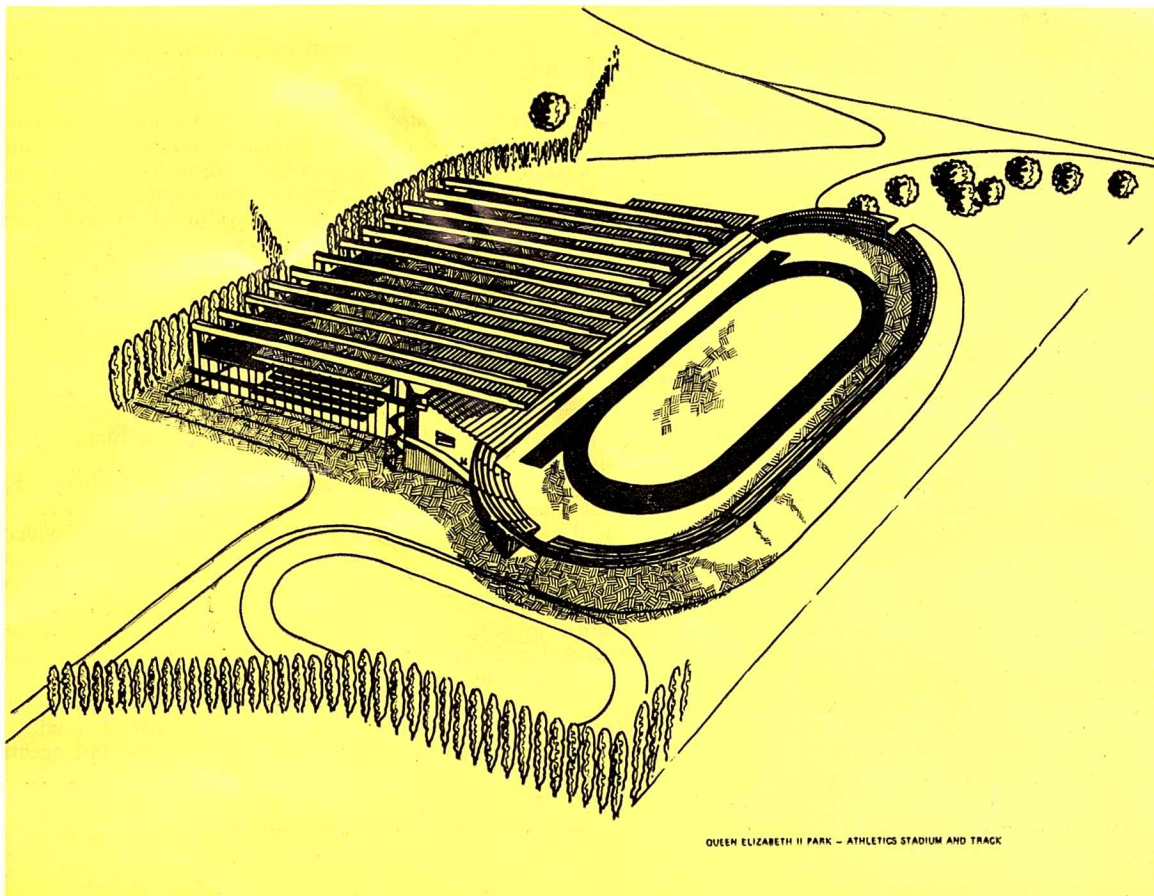
All of the equipment purchased so far has been bought after a close scrutiny of the best available and what is being used at international events — such as the Munich Olympics — and by world class competitors.

One of the major purchases left will be for the all-weather synthetic track to be laid at Queen Elizabeth II Park at New Brighton and this, costing between \$150,000 and \$200,000 is due to be constructed at the Park by the end of 1972.

Timing at the games will be done by Seiko equipment all of which is being supplied and installed free by the manufacturing company. The equipment will be the same as used at the Winter Olympics just concluded.



KEITH MURDOCH . . . (prop). Otago and All Black player who is playing for the Cantabrians today.



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INTEREST

The holding of the Games in Christchurch in 1974 has already engendered a considerable amount of interest in the promotion of other activities at that time or immediately before or after the Games.

Nearly all of the participant sports in the games, track and field, badminton, boxing, lawn bowls, swimming and diving, cycling, wrestling, weightlifting and shooting, have plans for the holding of national championships at the venues to be used for the Games events in the period before the Commonwealth fixture starts.

These events will be used to not only find national champions, but also form the basis of N.Z. team selections and give the officials and Games' administrators a chance to test out Games' procedures.

Visiting Games Competitors will take part in a number of pre and

post Games' sports events while in New Zealand.

Sports outside of the official Games list will also be deeply involved in activities directly related to the Games Period. At present, rowing and gymnastics are considering their possible roles as the demonstration sports at the games while hockey, surfing, fencing, and horse society officials have plans for major events, possibly with an international touch for the period.

Rugby is getting into the picture early as even this year it has invited overseas players to take part in Games fund-raising matches and it will probably continue with its assistance right up to the Games.

A major yacht race for deep sea racing yachts from throughout the world is also in the planning stage and this will run from Auckland to Lyttelton finishing here just before the Games, as will the planned international car rally, which could

be one of the largest of its kind held in New Zealand. This will start at Auckland and cover some 2000 miles before finishing here.

Then there are the Commonwealth Paraplegic Games which are to take place at the same time at Dunedin and should attract a large number of paraplegic sportsmen and women to New Zealand.

Race and trotting meetings are also scheduled for the Christchurch programme while the Lady Wigram Trophy car racing programme may be spread over two days before the Games in 1974.

There is talk of promoting another international air race to New Zealand, while medical men are well into planning a national conference for the city, and businessmen have thoughts of a trades fair.

The cultural side of the city will not be neglected either with classical and popular music concerts planned as are art exhibitions.

NEW GROUND

The breaking of new ground is becoming a habit with the organisation of the Xth British Commonwealth Games, to be held in Christchurch in 1974.

Always willing to try out new techniques and methods, the Committee has ventured into a number of fields not previously used by Commonwealth Games management.

It is in the field of control that the Committee has made many changes. By using a decentralised control and a large number of voluntary workers amongst its organisation, the Committee has been able to concentrate more deeply on details and bring to bear on its problems experience which normally may not have been available to it.

Under the Chairman, Mr Ron Scott, are four senior Vice-Chairmen: Mr Ted Davies (Public Services), Mr Harry Blazey (Sports), Mr Murray Hunter (Legal and Finance), and Mr Bruce Ullrich (General Services), and each of these has a group of seven commit-

tees working on different Games aspects.

On these committees the chairman in each case, who is also included on the overall Organising Committee, has had the opportunity to bring in the best talents in the sphere in which his committee is operating. In fact, apart from clerical staff the only two paid officers in the Organisation at this stage are the Executive Secretary and the Information Officer.

This decentralised control has allowed the Organising Committee to be the first Games organisation to have separate design and manpower committees as well as a committee for the coordinating of other activities outside the Games sphere, but on at the same time.

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As well, in order to achieve the maximum efficiency for tickets and accommodation arrangements, these will be sold on a controlled basis through airlines, NAC and Air New Zealand and its agents overseas, while arrangements for both

tickets and accounts will be computerised in what is believed to be the first Games operation of this kind.

Colour will also play a big part in the Games for the Organising Committee through the Design Committee has instituted a system of colour keys in which each sport has its own distinctive colour, which will be used for tickets, signs and all other features involved in its operation.

Then it is the first time that Lesotho and Tonga have been invited and Bangladesh, should it come into the Commonwealth, may make its first appearance at a Games.

Other new fields where the organisation has ventured are:

- the first Games to be provided with Seiko timing equipment which was used at the Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan.
 - the first Games to use a combined swimming and athletics venue.
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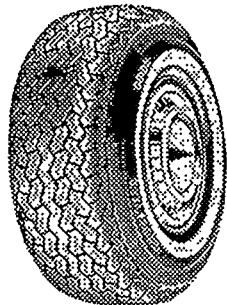
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seminar to put its message across in the widest possible field.

- the first Games to have trap shooting included in the programme, while it will be the first time bowls will be played on New Zealand's fast playing cotula weed greens.

Although metric distance and measurements were used in events at Edinburgh, the British Commonwealth Games Federation has now made these measures mandatory and they will apply in all events in Christchurch for the first time.

CHANGES MADE

(Christchurch, New Zealand)

Changes have been made this year in the administration of the 1974 Commonwealth Games.

The administration is still being handled by some 24 committees, with a manpower strength of nearly 500 people, but instead of the three groups of committees there are now four.

Each group is under the control of a vice-chairman who serves on the executive which guides the activities of the committees.

Overall control is vested in the Organising Committee which comprises the chairmen of all 24 committees as well as representatives of Government Departments and local bodies.

The Organising Committee and Executive chairman is Mr Ron Scott, to whom must go the credit for developing the system now being used for he has always been a strong advocate of decentralisation.

He feels that the structure is relatively simple in design as compared to those of previous Games.

"The structure does provide a direct chain of responsibility without the necessity of reference through various channels before a decision is made or action taken", he says.

The development of the system which gives close liaison throughout all sectors, had been due to the success of the initial three group decentralisation.

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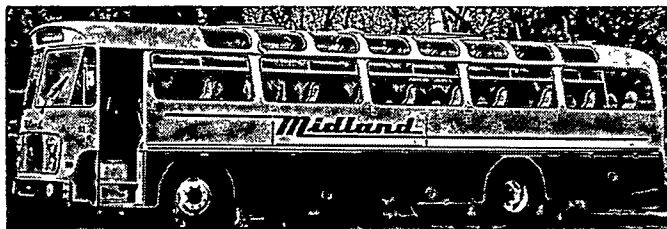
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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE 1974 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

With less than two years to go before the Xth British Commonwealth Games are held in New Zealand, Christchurch's Games Organisation is already well into the sphere of finer working details for the event to be staged by the city from January 24th to February 2nd, 1974.

And even after the 1971 resiting of the swimming and athletic venues—organising committee officials consider that at this stage, Christchurch in its organisation is some months ahead of Edinburgh at the same point.

Organising committee officials attended both the Jamaica and Edinburgh Games and with this knowledge and with access to information on the workings of both, as well as Perth, have been able to adapt features of past Games' organisation to Christchurch conditions.

And to help them they have 24 committees which have had a large task force of workers backing them up for the past 14 months.

All of the committees have laid down the basic groundwork for their activities and have now moved into detailed planning.

Games preparation work will build up in tempo this year although in a number of respects the Olympic Games in Munich in August and September hold the key to some progress.

Technical activity at the Olympics will be watched closely to ensure that the latest equipment and rule interpretations are used in Christchurch while the British Commonwealth Games Federation meeting held in conjunction with Olympic activities will decide such things as the final swimming and athletic programmes for the Christchurch Games.

Represented

The Christchurch Organising Committee will be represented at Munich where it will report on progress for the 1974 Games and discuss matters vital for their organisation.

Christchurch now has all of the

nine venues confirmed as well as the Games village which will house the expected 1,600 officials and competitors from some 40 countries in the University of Canterbury's Halls of Residence at Ilam.

According to the sports and technical committees, which in Christchurch have been given the responsibility of making arrangements for the nine sports, athletics, boxing, badminton, cycling, bowls, shooting, weightlifting, wrestling, and swimming and diving, in most cases the sub-committees organising sports have reached the stage where given facilities they could run Games' events within three to six months.



Planning or work on venue facilities is well under way the major construction being the \$3.8 million New Zealand dollar sports complex which combines needs for both swimming and athletics.

Being provided at New Brighton, as a Games venue and as a future city amenity by the Christchurch City Council, the complex will include a 50 metre covered pool, separate diving well and warm up pool, and seating for 5,000.

Backing on to this will be the athletic grandstand which will provide 7,000 seats under cover in the 33,000 seat arena.

The park will be used for the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as the athletics events and will be the starting and finishing point for both the marathon and the 20 mile walk, which will cover road routes within metropolitan Christchurch.

The completion date for the complex is October 1973, but by early next year the all weather synthetic track to be laid for the athletics by the Organising Committee should be down.

Team Trial

Facilities at the park will be given a major test in late 1973, as soon as it is completed, and athletics officials have plans for the holding of a track and field meeting at which national championships will be decided as well as serving as a Games team trial.

The meeting will serve a third function — that of fully testing officials, procedures and equipment before the Games.

Swimming, too, will test arrangements with the national championships and trials at the pool in December 1973, although its organisational procedures even now are geared up to the standards of running a Games' swimming meeting.

Cycling is another sport where major construction is concerned for the Paparua County Council is building an international track and 7,000 spectator stadium which will become the headquarters for Christchurch cycling after the Games.

Work is due to start soon on the building of the grandstand and other amenities while the alteration to the existing track to bring it up to highest Games standards will start in April. The New Zealand championships will be held on the track in late 1973, again giving the facility a Games test.

The 120 mile road race cycling course has been decided and it will take in both flat and hill. Cyclists will race through city streets over 17 laps of a 6.7 mile circuit which includes a stiff 417 ft climb in nine-tenths of a mile and then a similar descent in the same distance.

Wrestling and weightlifting have been scheduled for the new Town Hall which is due to be opened in September of this year and this will provide outstanding facilities in a striking new building.

The Town Hall venue will provide seating for 1,100 at the weightlifting and 2,500 at the wrestling; and only slight equipment provision is needed to make this venue ready for the Games once it is completed.

Badminton and Boxing will use existing facilities, badminton being

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played in the large Cowles Stadium which is near Queen Elizabeth II Park and which has the four court Skellerup Hall adjacent for practice.

The stadium can cater for 2,500 spectators and having been used for badminton tournaments in the past only needs the laying of the special Hoya courts, four of which will be used, to make it ready for the Games.

Boxing will also take place in Canterbury Court.

The headquarters of the Canterbury Boxing Association for some years now, Canterbury Court will seat 5,000 competitors and plans are in hand for the provision of competitor facilities needed for the Games.

Almost Ready

Ready for the Games well in advance will be the Woolston Working Men's Club Bowling facilities, Games site of the bowling.

A third of the fast cotula weed greens was laid last year and is nearly ready for use while spacious clubhouse facilities will help provide a first class venue for the bowls.

Three venues are involved in the shooting. West Melton, will be used for the fullbore 7.62 calibre rifle shooting, while Harewood will be the scene of smallbore 50 metre rifle and 50 and 25 metre pistol shooting events.

The Yaldhurst range, home of the Christchurch Gun Club and with the best trapshooting facilities in New Zealand, will be used for the first 12 gauge shot gun single rise and skeet competitions to be held on a Games programme.

Shooting, first introduced at Jamaica is expected to be one of the most popular at the Christchurch Games as far as national entries are concerned.

The West Melton range is being extended to provide a 1,000 yard mound and will be using Army facilities for Games competitors while at Harewood separate pistol and smallbore mounds are being constructed.

An order for German target changers will mean that butts and markers have been eliminated and

will also do away with the need for some 130 workers in the butts.

Plans have been made for the establishment of a clubhouse at the range and this will also become the centre of the sport in Christchurch after the Games.

Three fields will be used for the Games shooting at Yaldhurst where little work needs to be done but the introduction of trapshooting for

the first time has posed some problems for the technical committee in the way of framing suitable rules.

As far as officials are concerned most of the 600 needed for the technical operation of the Games will be drawn from within New Zealand although overseas countries, especially Australia, could provide about 20 per cent of these administrators.

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"TECHNICOLOUR GAMES"

The Xth British Commonwealth Games at Christchurch could well be called the "Technicolour Games".

Each of the nine sports, track and field, badminton, lawn bowling, cycling, weightlifting, wrestling, shooting and swimming and diving, has its own distinctive colour allocated to it.

Cycling for instance has "warm red" as its colour and those in 120 mile road race who slog up the 417 ft. Hackthorne Road rise in less than a mile seventeen times, will be just that — and more perhaps if it is Christchurch's usual sunny January day.

There has been some suggestion that the striking red would have

been better used for boxing, which has a purple colour, although lawn bowling (green) and swimming and diving (blue) have apt colourings.

Track and field has lime green, badminton pink, weightlifting yellow ochre, shooting brown, and wrestling orange.

The Christchurch Organising Committee envisages using the col-

our scheme as a complete key for all Games' activities.

For instance, a spectator wanting to go to bowling will have a green ticket, will take transport with green colouring or follow green road signs, until he reaches the site where the predominant colour will be green which could be worn in some form by bowling officials.

And to find out about the event and its competitors he could consult, his green programme, a similar publication and system being used to inform and aid bowling competitors.

It is believed that this is the first time that a Games' event has used a colour organisational key to such extent and officials consider that it will not only help them considerably but also the many visitors from the rest of New Zealand and from overseas who will be in the city at the Games period from January 24 to February 2, 1974.

The use of colours on signs and at venues will strike a bright note at the Games, and superimposed over the nine sports symbols will allow little latitude for error in mistaking as to what sport is involved.

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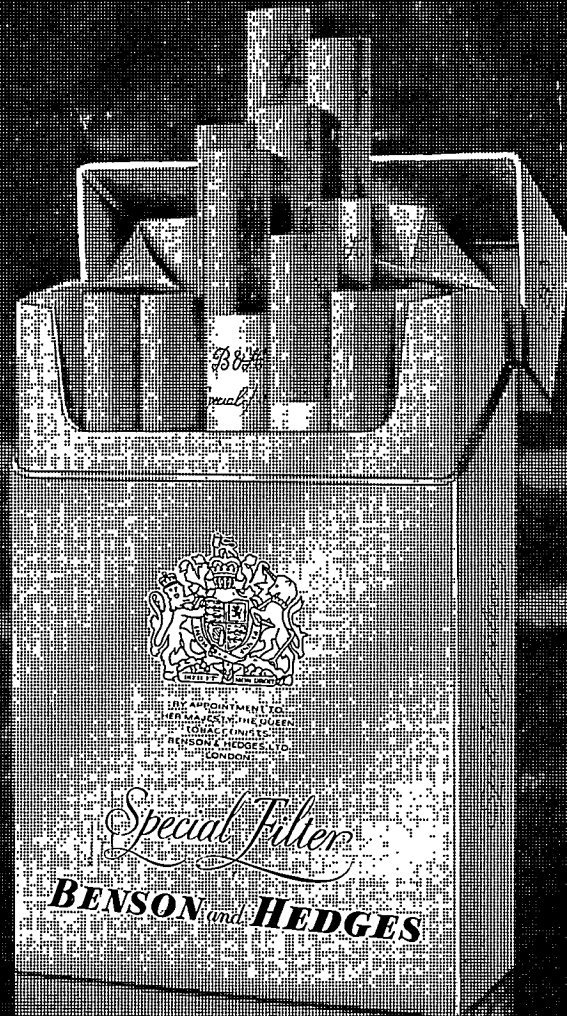
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